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As illustrated in Figure 5, a common tour pack frame 100 includes two tubular side supports 102 having a generally U-shaped configuration. The side supports 102 are secured in generally parallel alignment with each other (perhaps slightly inclined inwards towards each other at the top) by a rear base plate 104 and a front base plate 105. The base plates 104 and 105 are oriented transversely with respect to the tubular side supports 102 and are welded near their ends 106 to the tubular side supports 102 at the top side of the side supports 102. The tubular side supports 102 are further secured together at the front end 103 of the tubular side supports 102 by a generally up-side-down U-shaped mounting bar 108. A first end 110 of each of the tubular side supports 102 are secured to the top of mounting bar 108 at or near the lateral edge of the mounting bar 108. A second end 112 of tubular side supports 102 is secured to a free end 109 of mounting bar 108 either by weld, pins or other means.

The front base plate 105 further includes openings 107 that correspond to openings 116 on L-shaped brackets 114 of the present invention (Figure 2). When the side cushion assembly 40 of the present invention is mounted on the tour pack frame 100, the L-shaped brackets 114 of the present invention are secured to and beneath the front base plate 105 by standard bolts extended through openings 107 and 116.

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facing flange 98 defining a second slot 99 also designed to engage an accessory support (not shown) provided on the frame of motorcycle 10. Flanges 98 and 94 are designed to releasably engage the accessory supports to secure the side mounting plates 80 in place. One of the plates 80 is positioned on each side of the main motorcycle seat. The seat cushions 50 are mounted on the side mounting plates 80 such that they are located adjacent to and extend laterally outward from the seat provided with the motorcycle, in opposite directions from each other.

Both embodiments of the present invention are easy to use, may be quickly installed and removed from a motorcycle equipped with accessory supports. The present invention requires no modification of most Harley-Davidson[®] motorcycles to mount directly to the frame accessory supports and minimal modification (drilling one hole in each flange 122) to be mounted to a Harley-Davidson[®] compatible tour pack frame as shown at 100. Although particularly compatible with Harley-Davidson[®] motorcycles, the present invention is believed to be compatible with all motorcycles and tour packs of design similar to that disclosed herein.

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